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Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Description	Fee Paid
Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)		
1051	130	2051	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
1052	50	2052	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet.	
2053	130	2053	130	Non-English specification	
1251	120	2251	60	Extension for reply within first month	
1252	450	2252	225	Extension for reply within second month	
1253	1,020	2253	510	Extension for reply within third month	
1254	1,590	2254	795	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255	2,160	2255	1,080	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401	500	2401	250	Notice of Appeal	
1402	500	2402	250	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403	1,000	2403	500	Request for oral hearing	
1451	1,510	2451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1460	130	2460	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
1807	50	1807	50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
1806	180	1806	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
1809	790	1809	395	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))	
1810	790	2810	395	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))	
Other fee (specify) <u>Request for Continued Examination (RCE)</u>					790.00
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In re Application of: )  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment accompanies a Request for Continued Examination  
(RCE) filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.114.

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

The following amendments and remarks are proposed in response to the Final Office Action mailed June 22, 2006.

Claims 1-27 are pending in the application (claims 28-42 having been canceled).

Claims 1-11 and 13-26 have been rejected, and claims 12 and 27 stand objected to.

Applicants propose herein to amend each of claims 1 and 13.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in view of the amendments set forth herein and the accompanying remarks.